

Family Law and Family Support – Hearing Types

In order to appear via telephonic appearance, parties must check to see if telephonic appearances are allowed for their hearing type and if a judicial officer's approval is required. Parties must file the appropriate form to appear telephonically for a family law hearing only if judicial approval is required, but regardless of whether judicial approval is required or not for a family support hearing. For hearing types that require judicial approval, the Court will notify the requesting party if the request is denied at least two (2) court days in advance of the hearing. If the hearing is in family law and the hearing type does not require judicial approval or if the request is approved, parties must schedule an appearance online using the court's website: www.placer.courts.ca.gov/telephonic.html. If a party schedules an appearance, but the judicial officer denies the request, the party will need to cancel the appointment online.

Telephonic appearances are authorized as follows:

Family Law

Hearing Type	Telephonic Allowed	Judicial Approval Required
Trial Assignment Conference	Yes	No
Trial Confirming Conference	Yes	No
Mandatory Settlement Conference	Yes	Yes
Family Centered Case Resolution Status Conference (6-month, 12-month, additional)	Yes	Yes
Review	Yes	No
Review: After Mediation	Yes	No
Review: After Mediation Orientation	Yes	No
Default/Court Judgment	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Long Cause	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Long Cause (Ongoing)	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Short Cause	Yes	Yes
Further Proceedings	Yes	No
Motion Hearing	Yes	No
Order to Show Cause	Yes	Yes
Order for Examination Hearing	Yes	Yes
Emergency Request Hearing	Yes	Yes
Domestic Violence Restraining Order	Yes	Yes

Family Support

Hearing Type	Telephonic Allowed	Judicial Approval Required
Review	Yes	No
Court Trial: Short Cause	Yes	No
Motion Hearing/Request for Order	Yes	No
Probation Review	Sometimes*	Yes

*The Court may give conditional approval to appear telephonically for a probation review hearing if the person is in compliance with their terms of probation. The Court may decline to allow the person to participate by phone and instead require personal appearance if he or she has not been granted conditional approval or has, but is not in compliance with their terms of probation.

Telephonic appearances are not allowed in any hearing types not listed above.

Questions about your hearing type?

Please call the Family Law and Support Division at (916) 408-6000.